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## **Homestead tax credit relief**

**LANSING** – Legislation that would provide accelerated refunds of the annual homestead property tax credit to seniors and persons with disabilities was introduced in the Senate Thursday, announced Sen. Patty Birkholz.

Senate Bill 305 would require the Michigan Department of Treasury to provide refunds to qualifying taxpayers such as seniors and those with disabilities who file paper returns within the same time frame as is annually provided for electronically filed returns.

“While people who file their returns electronically receive their refunds within 7 days, seniors and residents who are disabled regularly prepare paper returns and consequently end up with significant delays in getting their refunds,” said Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township. “These residents should not be penalized for not having the means to file electronically.”

Residents and their spouses would need to meet a certain set of criteria to qualify for the accelerated refunds.

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